

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A paper feeding and cutting method for a rolled transfer paper, comprising the steps of:

sliding a tray out of an image forming apparatus, said tray including a paper loading unit, a paper feeding device, and paper cutting device;

loading a new rolled transfer paper in said paper loading unit;

feeding the rolled transfer paper using said paper feeding device such that a leading edge of the rolled transfer paper is discharged from a discharging outlet of said tray; and

cutting the discharged tip portion of the rolled transfer paper using said paper cutting device before returning the tray to the image forming apparatus.

2. (Original) The paper feeding and cutting method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

detecting a position of a leading edge of the rolled transfer paper;

calculating a discharged length of a tip portion of the rolled transfer paper from a discharging outlet of said tray; and

cutting the discharged tip portion of the rolled transfer paper by said paper cutting device only when the length of the discharged tip portion of the rolled transfer paper is more than a predetermined length.

3. (New) The paper feeding and cutting method according to claim 1, wherein the step of feeding the new rolled transfer paper is actuated via a manually-operated feed switch.

4. (New) A paper feeding and cutting method for a rolled transfer paper, comprising

the steps of:

sliding a tray out of an image forming apparatus, said tray including a paper loading unit, a paper feeding device, a paper cutting device, and a manually-operated feed switch;

loading a new rolled transfer paper in said paper loading unit;

feeding the rolled transfer paper using said paper feeding device actuated via the manually-operated feed switch such that a leading edge of the rolled transfer paper is discharged from a discharging outlet of said tray; and

cutting the discharged tip portion of the rolled transfer paper using said paper cutting device.